

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 23, 1998

IN RE: BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)
ENTRY INTO LONG DISTANCE (InterLATA))
SERVICE IN TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION)Docket No.: 97-00309
271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION BY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLERS ASSOCIATION, TCG MIDSOUTH, INC.,
AND COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA**

This matter came before Director Melvin Malone, acting as Hearing Officer, at the Status Conference held on January 22, 1998, upon the Petitions for Leave to Intervene respectively filed by TCG MidSouth, Inc., Communication Workers of America, and Telecommunications Resellers Association. The parties shall collectively be referred to herein as the "Intervenors" and the Petitions for Leave to Intervene shall collectively be referred to herein as the "Petitions to Intervene".

At the above-referenced Status Conference, the Hearing Officer applied the legal standard for interventions, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310, and determined that the Petitions to Intervene: (1) were timely; (2) demonstrated that legal interests of the Intervenors may be determined in this matter; and (3) demonstrated that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this matter would not be impaired by allowing intervention.

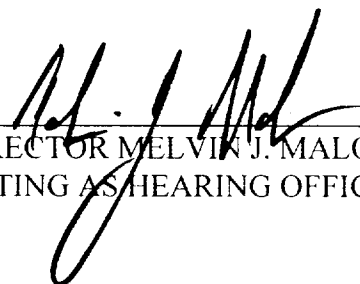
Without objection, the Hearing Officer granted the Petitions to Intervene and notified the Authority of such action in his Report and Recommendation of Hearing Officer on January 22, 1998, Status Conference (the "Hearing Officer's Report"). The Hearing Officer's Report was filed with the Authority on January 27, 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Intervenors shall be and hereby are given leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding as their interests may appear and shall be permitted to receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed in this matter;

2. Any Party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days of the date of this Order; and

3. Any Party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle District, within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.



DIRECTOR MELVIN J. MALONE,
ACTING AS HEARING OFFICER

ATTEST:



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY